

William F. Townsend, Associate Administrator, Office of Mission to Planet Earth; and Sam Venneri, Chief Technologist; Steven C. Wofsy; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on funding needs for the Technology Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Mary Good, Under Secretary, Technology, Department of Commerce.

BUDGET REQUEST—U.S. COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Adm. Robert Kramek, Commandant; Master Chief Petty Officer Eric A. Trent, and Everette L. Tucker, Jr., USCG, Commodore, Auxiliary, all with the U.S. Coast Guard; and Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Maritime Commission; and public witnesses.

CALIFORNIA FLOODING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on recent flooding in California. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Fazio, Pombo and Miller of California; from the following officials of FEMA: James Lee Witt, Director; and Lacy Suiter, Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Program; Maj. Gen. Russell L. Fuhrman, USA, Director, Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Warren M. Lee, Director, Watersheds and Wetlands, USDA; Gerry A. Jackson, Deputy Assistant Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; BUDGET PROPOSAL SAVING AND INVESTMENT PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on savings and investment provisions in the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget proposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCrery, Neal, Dunn, Christensen, Dreier, Cox of California, Peterson of

Minnesota, Deutsch, Pomeroy and McCarthy of Missouri; Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist, Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BUDGET—OVERHEAD COLLECTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in an executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget—overhead collection. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the problems of the current automobile insurance system and the need for reform, focusing on more insurance options, better service, and reduced premiums and litigation costs, receiving testimony from New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman, Trenton; Michael Horowitz, Hudson Institute, J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, and Stephen Carroll, RAND Institute for Civil Justice, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Gregory C. Reed, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997

Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on the implications of the proposed acquisition of Conrail by CSX Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for international narcotics, crime and law enforcement, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1998 for the United Nations, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy national security programs and to review environmental management activities, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Reserve System's proposal to modify firewalls that separate commercial banks and securities affiliates, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on S. 414, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States imports and exports, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to resume hearings to examine issues with regard to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to resume hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify and discuss the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will insure the Park Service will continue to meet its responsibilities well into the next century, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Business meeting, to consider pending nominations, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings on improving Medicare choices, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in United States trade policy, promotion and regulation, and opportunities for reform and consolidation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings to review the operations and budget of the Congressional Research Service and the Library of Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Veterans of World War I, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Notice

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E525-26 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Department of Commerce, Science and Technology Programs, 10 a.m., and on Department of States Administration of Foreign Affairs, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service Chief, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Office of AIDS Research; Office of the Director; and Building and Facilities, 10 a.m., and on National Commission on Libraries; National Council on Disability; Physician Payment Review Commission; and on Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on readiness, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Railroad Administration, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 607, Homeowners Insurance Protection Act; and to consider the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on International Monetary Fund, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing and mark up of H.R. 688, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to continue oversight hearings on the Department of Education: Mission, Management, and Performance, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Improving Defense Inventory Management, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Administration's Security Assistance Request for fiscal year 1998, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on reforming juvenile justice in America and related legislative proposals, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Morale Welfare and Recreation Panel, hearing on military resale system, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request—Information Warfare, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management final rulemaking on bonding of hardrock mining operations: Why was there no meaningful public comment solicited? 12:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness, and H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Central Valley Project Operations and Administration Reform Process, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on fiscal year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy; Environment, Safety and Health; and Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (Non-Defense), 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Tech-

nology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Year 2000: Implications for the Commercial Sector, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on review of Coopers and Lybrand Independent Financial Assessment of the FAA, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget; and to mark up the following: a measure to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error; and a measure to authorize VA's authority to enter into enhanced-use leases, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on recommendations regarding Medicare Hospital and Physician Payment Policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Administration's Child support Enforcement Incentive Payment Proposal, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook and monetary policy, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Veterans of World War I, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.